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***Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to host series of public hearings on  
Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement***

**Agency seeks public input – Kotzebue is first stop**

• **WHAT**

- A series of public hearings will be hosted in six communities by representatives of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) on a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea

• **WHY**

- The purpose of the hearing is to get public comment on the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) relating to Chukchi Sea Sale 193

• **WHEN & WHERE**

Nov 1 / Monday / 7pm	– Kotzebue / Middle / High School
Nov 2 / Tuesday / 7pm	– Point Hope / Tikigaaq School
Nov 3 / Wednesday / 7pm	– Point Lay / Community Center
Nov 4 / Thursday / 7pm	– Wainwright / R. James Community Center
Nov 5 / Friday / 7pm	– Barrow / Inupiat Heritage Center
Nov 9 / Tuesday / 7pm	– Anchorage / 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, 3801 Centerpoint Drive

• **BACKGROUND**

- Chukchi Sea Oil & Gas Lease Sale 193 was held in 2008, and was subsequently challenged in Federal Court. In July 2010, the U.S. District Court for Alaska remanded the action back to BOEMRE. The court said there were three issues that the EIS did not adequately analyze. The Bureau has drafted a supplement to the original EIS analyzing the three specific issues raised by the court

- The public is invited to view the draft SEIS at: <http://alaska.boemre.gov>. It is also available at the Alaska Resources Library and Information Service (3211 Providence Drive, Suite 111, Anchorage) or by making a request to: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK 99503-5820; or by calling (907) 334-5200

- The agency will accept comments on the draft SEIS at this hearing. Public comments will also be accepted through **Nov. 29, 2010** via the website above, telephone, mail or e-mail

- After the public comments are received the BOEMRE will complete a final SEIS and submit it to the Secretary of the Interior, who will then decide how to proceed

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